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Report of the Special Political Committee

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1. In a letter dated 20 September 1991 (A/SPC/46/1), the President of the General Assembly informed the Chairman of the Special Political Committee that the Assembly, at its 3rd plenary meeting on 20 September, on the recommendation of the General Committee, had decided that organizations and individuals having a special interest in the item "Policies of apartheid of the Government of South Africa" would be permitted to be heard by the Special Political Committee.

2. In accordance with the above-mentioned decision of the General Assembly, the Special Political Committee decided, at its 2nd meeting on 7 October, that the Committee would devote two meetings to such hearings on 14 November, and that organizations and individuals wishing to be heard by the Committee should submit their requests to the Chairman in writing, not later than 31 October, and that communications containing requests for hearings would be circulated as Committee documents, to be considered by the Committee at a subsequent meeting prior to the hearings.

3. At its 20th meeting on 8 November, the Committee considered and approved six requests for hearings, contained in documents A/SPC/46/L.4 and Add.1-5, and decided to hold one meeting on 14 November in view of the number of requests received.

4. At its 21st meeting, on 14 November, pursuant to its decision taken at its 20th meeting, the Committee heard statements by the following six persons:

Dr. S. E. M. PHEKO - Pan Africanist Congress of Azania to the United Nations

Ms. Beatrice von ROEMER - International Confederation of Free Trade Unions

Mr. Joseph D. REILLY - Progressive Librarians Guild (USA)

Mr. David A. RIDENOUR - The National Center for Public Policy Research

Ms. Salisha EVANS - Young People against Apartheid

Ms. Gay J. McDOUGALL - Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law

5. The representative of the United Arab Emirates made a statement on a point of order.

6. The statements made are contained in the verbatim records of the 21st meeting of the Committee (A/SPC/46/PV.21).

7. At its 21st meeting, the Committee decided to submit a report to the General Assembly.